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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Amory

SUBJECT : "Some Comparable Data on the Soviet Bloc", the
CIA Annex to the NSC Report on the Status of
National Security Programs as of 30 June 1954

1. A copy of this Annex is attached. It follows the same general lines as its predecessors in NSC 5407 and NSC 161.

2. The introduction cites the sources used in its preparation.

3. Attached you will also find a covering memo for the DCI's signature; it speaks for itself. Nevertheless, I would like to emphasize my very strong recommendation that we discontinue this boondoggle. I have been responsible for this thing on all three occasions. I can testify that a lot of time is spent in producing it, whereas all the information is available in NIE's and SNIE's.

4. I believe it was originally a bright idea of [REDACTED]. Well, we've given it a fair trial and I think it is more trouble than it is worth, because I am pretty certain that no one reads it.

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5. [REDACTED] agrees with the above.

6. ^{✓ the Annex} ~~This~~ is a bit longer than they ([REDACTED]) wanted, but I do not think they will mind.

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Staff Assistant

Attachments